

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 794

By Ketron

A RESOLUTION to commend Clifton Wade Barnett for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Clifton Wade Barnett is one such individual who distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senator Bill Ketron; Wade's work resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a 2013 *summa cum laude* graduate of Middle Tennessee State University, Wade Barnett achieved academic success while majoring in political science with a focus on pre-law and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, an intern for the House Judiciary Committee in 2012, Wade Barnett brought his many abilities and singular expertise back to Capitol Hill for the 2014 session of the One Hundred Eighth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barnett's impressive research skills proved to be a great asset to his office as he worked tirelessly on a number of issues, including seatbelt legislation, motorcycle helmet legislation, physical activity in schools, and most importantly, common core education guidelines and testing; and

WHEREAS, called upon to write speeches for Senator Ketron, Mr. Barnett also utilized his exceptional writing skills to develop and lead a Rules Committee and several workshops to assist with the drafting of legislation for the intern class; and

WHEREAS, respected and admired by his fellow interns, Wade Barnett was elected Governor of the 2014 Legislative Intern Class; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2014 legislative session, Wade Barnett surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Clifton Wade Barnett performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Clifton Wade Barnett for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Bill Ketron and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.